

West Van Buren Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund (WQARF) Site

Community Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 1, 2005
Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Room 145
1110 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

FINAL MINUTES

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CAB members present: John "Bob" McCain, Louis Rhodes, Charlotte Reyes, Peggy Eastburn, Len Harris

Members absent: Olean Coleman, Julian Sodari, Philip Lagas

ADEQ Staff in attendance: Wayne Pudney, Project Manager, Wendy Van Deusen, Community Involvement Coordinator, Samantha Roberts, Manager Remedial Projects Unit

Members of the public present: Chuck Gordon, Sheryl Sweeney, Mark Holmes, Denise Forbes, Mel Paul, Kate Hoelscler, Sabrina LaSpiga, Madi Sader, Dennis Shirley, Kate Huebner

The meeting began at 6:05

The following matters were discussed, considered, and decided upon at the meeting:

1. Welcome and Introductions

Miss Wendy Van Deusen called the meeting to order and introductions were done for those CAB members and ADEQ staff present.

2. Site update, budget and future activities

Mr. Wayne Pudney, project manager, started off the presentation with information on the budget. He stated that for Fiscal Year (FY) 2005, \$800,000 is budgeted. \$200,000 was carried over from FY 2004. Activities such as sampling and well installation scheduled for FY 2004 were curtailed due to dry monitoring wells and access issues. These curtailed activities account for \$130,000 of the remaining \$200,000 from FY 2004. The total amount encumbered for FY2005 is \$550,000 plus the \$200,000 from FY2004.

The Roosevelt Irrigation Wells (RID) map was presented showing the wells that were sampled. The wells are separated out because the wells are not purged and the screened intervals span hundreds of feet. Because of dry monitor wells and access issues, only 59 of the scheduled 93 monitor wells were sampled for the third quarter of 2004.

A map was presented for the proposed new monitoring wells. The purpose is to better define the aerial extent. A different drilling technique will be used and continuous cores will be collected. A question was raised about why the area by the stack is being used for drilling. Mr. Pudney explained that there was TCE contamination in the area. The northern and southern boundaries are under more investigation. The western extent has been defined. Mr. Pudney went into detail on those specific wells, why and where they are being installed.

At the ALSCO site the remedial compound is in the closing process. Some of the equipment was moved to the 7th Avenue and Bethany Home WQARF site.

A Site boundary map was presented and Mr. Pudney stated that boundaries will change once more wells are added, possibly up north to McDowell Road. Various concentration and elevation contours maps were presented along with maps of the deep and shallow wells. Some areas still have concentrations above AWQS. There have not been any significant changes since last sampling period.

3. Arizona Department Of Water Resources (ADWR) Well Presentation:

Mr. Mark Holmes, Hydrologist, explained ADWRs roll with WQARF sites. The well inventory is geared to help get the database updated for agency use. Mr. Holmes presented the area that ADWR will be looking at for the project, a 28 sq. mile area. ADWR will inventory every well they can find or have a record of. Starting February 14, 2005, there will be three teams starting on the inventory and it will conclude on May 6, 2005. Locating wells, collecting information for land and well owners, well and water use info and the position of the well by GPS will take place. All information will be uploaded to the database. All paperwork necessary for the project will be available for owners to aid in accuracy of records.

Mr. Holmes explained how readings are taken, showed photos of wells that have been discovered and the process of determining their location. He explained further about getting wells registered either by the forms presented or online.

The major issue that ADWR looks at is to integrate various databases into one big database for various agencies, so that all information will be accessed by one number, especially for West Van Buren. ADEQ will then be able to utilize the information for project work and it will also become a public record.

Mr. Holmes went over some of the typical well and land owner questions and the ADWR answers to them. All information obtained is voluntary given by the home owner.

4. Acceptance and/or changes to the draft minutes of July 20, 2004 and October 26, 2004

Mr. Bob McCain moved and Mr. Louis Rhodes seconded to accept as written the minutes of the July 20, 2004 meeting. The motion was voted on and passed.

Mr. Rhodes moved and Mr. McCain seconded to approve as written the minutes for the October 26, 2005 meeting. The motion was voted on and passed.

5. Voting and signing of revised charter

There was no further discussion or corrections to the charter. Mr. McCain moved to accept the charter and Mr. Rhodes seconded. It was voted on and passed. Ms. Charlotte Reyes and Mr. Louis Rhodes, Co-Chairs of the CAB signed the Charter. Miss Van Deusen stated that signed copies will be mailed to all CAB members.

6. Discussion and voting on Co-Chair

Miss Van Deusen read the guidelines for voting on CAB co-chairs. Mr. McCain moved and Mrs. Reyes seconded that Mr. Louis Rhodes remain a co-chair for the CAB. It was voted on and passed.

7. Discussion of absent CAB members

Miss Van Deusen discussed that two alternative members have not filled in or attended meetings. Discussion was held on actions the CAB would take to address the absences. There have been no other interested persons to join but a fact sheet can be sent out to ask for CAB members. The CAB agreed that it was a good idea to mail out a fact sheet also because one has not been mailed in over 2 years. Ms. Reyes asked that a letter be written asking the absent members to voluntarily resign or not, as well as add a deadline for response. The charter will be attached and their response needs to be in writing.

8. Call to the Public –

A question was asked who could be a member and an application was requested. Public members inquired if the ALSCO money was coming from the WQARF fund. Mr. Pudney referred to the Remedial Projects Manager, Ms. Samantha Roberts. She stated a settlement was reached that encompassed the funds for the remediation of the site and went to the WQARF fund as a whole.

9. Future meeting plans/ agenda discussion

The next meeting was scheduled for April 26th, 2005, 6:00 p.m. at ADEQ in room 145. Topics for discussion should include recent legislative information on the WQARF budget and the budget for this site.

10. Adjournment

Mr. Len Harris moved and Mr. Rhodes seconded to adjourn at 7:00.